

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended.

As noted above, claims 1 and 15 have been amended to change "exposing" to -- being exposed--, merely for the purpose of improving grammar and idiom. These amendments should not be construed as narrowing scope within the meaning of *Festo*.

Also, page 3 of the specification and the abstract have been amended in a corresponding manner.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and entry of the above noted amendments without withdrawing the present application from issue.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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